

Claims

- [c1] 1. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs.
- [c2] 2. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost.
- [c3] 3. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part as a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs, the one or more computers further programmed to generate at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge.
- [c4] 4. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost, the one or more computers further

programmed to generate at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge.

- [c5] 5. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to record data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs.
- [c6] 6. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to record data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs, the one or more computers further programmed to record at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge.
- [c7] 7. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part as a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs, and further wherein the one or more computers are programmed to record a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.
- [c8] 8. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients

of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost, and further wherein the one or more computers are programmed to record a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

[c9] 9. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part as a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs, the one or more computers further programmed to generate at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge, and further wherein the one or more

computers are programmed to record a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

[c10] 10. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost, the one or more computers further programmed to generate at least one client invoice including a billing for

one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge, and further wherein the one or more computers are programmed to record a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

- [c11] 11. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to record data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs and, further wherein the one or more computers are programmed to record a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.
- [c12] 12. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to record data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs, the one or more computers further programmed to record at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge, and further wherein the one or more computers are programmed to record a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

- [c13] 13. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs.
- [c14] 14. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost.
- [c15] 15. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs, and further including generating at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge.
- [c16] 16. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost, and further including generating at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge.

- [c17] 17. A method comprising recording in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs.
- [c18] 18. A method comprising recording in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs, and further recording at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge.
- [c19] 19. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs, and further including recording a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.
- [c20] 20. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in

part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost, and further including recording a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

- [c21] 21. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part as a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs, and generating at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge, and further including recording a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.
- [c22] 22. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost, and generating at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge, and further including recording a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

- [c23] 23. A method comprising recording in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs and, further including recording a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.
- [c24] 24. A method comprising recording in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs, recording at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge, and further including recording a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.